

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

VAIN GLORY

SIR Sultan Ahmed, the British Government of India's Member for Information and Broadcasting, is reported to have said in a statement two days ago that the blood which India's soldiers have shed in the different theatres of war, has raised her stature, and brought her glory and lustre.

May we ask Sir Sultan in what way India has grown in stature, and what sort of glory and lustre are hers at this moment? True, a few traitors among us have been pitchforked into high and lucrative positions. Apart from this, what has India gained?

India is today no nearer to self-government than she was before the outbreak of the European war. Many of India's choicest sons and daughters including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are still rotting in jails. If Mahatma Gandhi is at large at present, it is only because of his advanced age and ill-health. The lawless law called the Defence of India Act continues to nullify our most elementary civic rights.

The British diehards including Churchill and Amery are strongly opposed to even the half-hearted measures proposed by Wavell by way of appeasing the clamour for Swaraj in India. One can see what stature India has attained in the eyes of our British rulers when they have picked up men like Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon to represent India at the San Francisco Conference. These hirelings, particularly Sir Feroz Khan Noon, are no doubt proving worthy of their pay-masters by slandering Gandhiji and misrepresenting the state of affairs in India.

To aggravate this infamy, Sir Sultan now patronisingly hopes that India's political leaders will equal with their wisdom the heroism of India's soldiers. There is nothing wrong with India's true political leaders. Patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Abul Kalam Azad and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are men of whom any country will be proud. They have all the qualities that go to make great leaders of people. The only obstacle in the way of their being of the fullest use to their countrymen is an alien tyranny and its Indian hangers-on like Sir Ahmed Sultan.

Nippon is the main hope of India's fighters for independence today. If Nippon be defeated in this war, it would prolong India's slavery as well as that of East Asia for an indefinite period. It is our sacred duty to help Nippon wholeheartedly in this sacred war. Let us never forget that Nippon's victory alone is India's victory.

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FURIOUS WAR PROGRESSING IN OKINAWA

12,600 Enemy Personnel
Killed, Wounded; 134
Tanks Set Ablaze

Tokyo, May 11 (Domei)—Imperial Headquarters announced in a communique issued at 4.30 p.m. today as follows:

Firstly, the enemy first line in the southern sector of the main island of Okinawa as up to May 10th was roughly on a line linking Gamazha, Kochi, Mayeda, and Aga. The enemy is now repeating attacks against our positions. Our units in this sector are continuing to carry on valiant counter-attacks against the enemy. Of war results obtained in this sector since April 29, the principal items which have been ascertained up till evening of May 7th are as follows:

Killed or wounded about 12,600 enemy personnel.

Destroyed and set ablaze 134 tanks.

Destroyed 39 artillery pieces of various calibre.

Secondly, our air force and undersea craft units have been continuing their attacks on enemy airbases on main Okinawa Island and enemy warcraft and vessels as well as task forces in waters around the island.

Sunk: 2 auxiliary aircraft-carriers, 1 battleship, 2 cruisers, 1 transport, 1 submarine, and 1 warcraft of unidentified category.

Heavily Damaged: 3 auxiliary aircraft-carriers, 1 transport, 5 warcraft of unidentified category.

Blasted and set ablaze at least 25 places.

Tokyo, May 11 (Domei)—Enemy surface units in and around Okinawa as of Thursday morning May 10, suffered the loss of 515 war vessels either confirmedly sunk or damaged, a complete box-score tabulated on the basis of Imperial Headquarters communiques covering enemy losses revealed.

The box-score follows:—Sunk: 15 aircraft-carriers, 14 battleships, four battleships or cruisers, one battleship or transport, nine warcraft of larger size, 46 cruisers, ten cruisers or destroyers, one cruiser or transport, 38 destroyers, 35 transports, one oil tanker, 16 landing barges, 86 vessels of unidentified categories, five minesweepers and one submarine, totalling 282 vessels.

Heavily damaged:—14 aircraft-carriers, 13 battleships, 15 battleships or cruisers, 13 warcraft of larger size, 22 cruisers, two cruisers or destroyers, one cruiser or transport, 25 destroyers, 35 transports, one oil tanker or aircraft-carrier, 79 vessels of unidentified categories, two minesweepers and two torpedo-boats, totalling 224 vessels. Heavily damaged and probably

Br. Anxiety Over India Political Crisis Growing

Lord Russell's New Stunt
To Appease Nationalist
Forces Reported

A fresh wave of anti-British revolution swept all over India on Thursday on the occasion of the 88th Anniversary of India's First War of Independence, according to latest news which has trickled through the rigorous British censorship in India. In many towns and villages, the masses defied the police orders and held meetings, processions and demonstrations. British police and secret service men maintained the utmost vigilance everywhere, and the British censors have suppressed all news of anti-British sabotage and other activities of the nationalist forces in observance of the anniversary.

Meanwhile, British anxiety to appease the nationalist forces in India in order to avert the serious crisis confronting them in the country is revealed in a letter from Lord Russell addressed to A. K. Mukerji, Secretary of the Radical Democratic Party of India. Lord Russell urges the immediate release of all political prisoners, and says they should be given every facility for discussions with a view to framing a constitution. He adds that the British Government should at once give an undertaking to evacuate India at a stated time.

A despatch from London says that a manifesto demanding the unconditional release of Indian political prisoners will be issued immediately by the Committee of Indian Congressmen in Britain.

950,000 U.S. Casualties Since Beginning Of War

Lisbon, May 10 (Domei)—United States Army casualties since the outbreak of the war have topped 950,000, American military authorities disclosed yesterday, according to a Washington dispatch.

BRITAIN NOT PREPARED TO CONCEDE INDIA FREEDOM

That the British Government is not prepared to concede India's independence now or in the near future is revealed in a despatch from London. This despatch says that although Lord Wavell is now in the seventh week of his visit to London to discuss politics with the British Government, there is still no indication that the talks are about to conclude. The

sunk:—two aircraft-carriers, one battleship, one battleship or cruiser, five warcraft of larger size, totalling nine vessels.

NIPPON PREFERS DEATH TO SURRENDER; WILL FIGHT TO LAST MAN FOR TRUE CAUSE

China Firmly United
With Nippon In Cause
Of Justice—Tsai Pei

Tokyo, May 10 (Domei)—Complete unity of war aims between Nippon and China was reaffirmed by Tsai Pei, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, in a press interview here this afternoon. Ambassador Tsai Pei who is expected to leave for Nanking shortly, declared the war aim of self-preservation and self-defence as re-clarified by the Nippon Government in its statement issued yesterday evening is precisely that of China who is fighting side by side with Nippon in this War of Greater East Asia.

China is united firmly with Nippon in the cause of justice, the Ambassador continued. She remains absolutely unshaken in her determination to fight it out as the result of drastic changes in the European situation. He stressed that the Chinese Government and people share exactly the same determination as that of the Nippon nation in this stage of critical developments in the world war situation, vigorously to prosecute their common war for the defence of East Asia against Anglo-American aggression.

Ambassador Tsai told the press China deeply regrets the turn of events which finally forced Germany to drop out of the common battle front. This unfortunate development in the war in Europe however, will not affect in the least China's determination to continue her fight to attain ultimate victory in this war, inasmuch as China's war aim is to safeguard her national existence as well as to defend entire East Asia from Anglo-American aggression.

In conclusion Ambassador Tsai voiced his assurance that both the Chinese Government and people will redouble their war effort to be worthy of the honour of being Nippon's comrade-in-arms in this War of Greater East Asia.

Chief Army Spokesman
Pays High Tribute
To German Nation

Paying a handsome tribute to the German nation for the gallant and valiant fight they had put up against the Anglo-Americans and the Russians till the hour of unconditional surrender, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday reiterated the grim resolve of the whole Nippon nation to continue the Greater East Asia war to the very last man.

Lt.-Col. Nakajima said: I would like to pay my respects and high tribute to the Nazi people for their valiant and gallant fight. Although the tide of war has changed unfavourably for the Axis countries, the sweat, toil and endeavours of the German people to attain their ideals will remain in the annals of history. The strength of the Nazi spirit, is based on the superiority born of their racial and cultural heritage. Although Hitler is dead and the Nazi regime has collapsed, the Nazi people and their ideals will still live in the debris and ruins of their cities. The fact that although the Germans still had enough forces to fight and the fact that they had their morale lowered considerably with the loss of their leaders, they preferred surrender to death, revealed that there was something lacking.

We will never take this step of the last stage of the European war. Nippon is a country—a unique country—that does not know the meaning of the word "surrender" and a white flag is not necessary to the Nippon-Jin. This is the plain fact. We will fight to the very last man and if the enemy thinks that Nippon will surrender, and if they should harbour such thoughts, they will suffer setbacks in their plans. As it has been made clear in the Imperial Government's statement, our war aim is for self-preservation and self-defence. Notwithstanding the outcome of the European war the people of East Asia, with Nippon, must be firm in the determination to crush the Anglo-Americans, who have greedy ambitions of dominating East Asia. We must crush them and bring about permanent peace. Our firm determination in this war will not change in the least.

There is a Nippon proverb which goes something like this: "If I believe anything is true, no matter what the odds may be—1 million or 10 million—we will fight it out." In order to successfully carry out the war of

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Chungking Lacks Enthusiasm Over 'Frisco Assembly

Canton, May 10 (Domei)—Chungking papers of about the middle of April, before the holding of the San Francisco Conference, which have been received here, are of particular interest in that they display a marked lack of enthusiasm and even doubt in the success of the anti-Axis world security conference.

Commenting on the holding of the San Francisco Conference, the influential Chungking journal "Ta Kung Pao" editorially, for instance, declares that if the San Francisco Conference results in the establishment of a purely superficial organization patterned along the lines of the 1919 League of Nations, it is obvious that such a world security set-up would be powerless to prevent armed conflict.

The editorial says that the fallibility of the League of Nations has been proved without a doubt and the establishment of such a similar body has every possibility of giving rise to another world conflict.

If the San Francisco Conference is only to serve the purpose of laying the ground for another world struggle, there is every reason for individuals to oppose it, the paper declares.

On the other hand, the Chungking journal "Cheng Kuo Li Pao" states that the peoples of the world are witnessing the signs of another world conflict today, when the whole world has been converted into a stage of sanguinary battles approximating living hell.

Although every country in the world is striving to prevent wars, the fact is that their efforts are leading to opposite results. As long as Socialism and Capitalism are incompatible, any agreement between the two would only bring a temporary solution of their outward friction and there is a danger that their deeper differences would further be aggravated, the editorial says.

Unless this basic difference is eliminated, there is no hope of a satisfactory solution of the world situation, the paper states.

Revision Of Br. Policy Toward Soviets Urged

Lisbon, May 10 (Domei)—The influential British financial and political weekly "Economist", in a strongly-worded article to be published on Saturday, expresses deep concern over recent instances of Soviet "strong arm" diplomacy and declares that there must be a revision of British policy towards the Soviet Union, according to a London dispatch.

The article, which deals mainly with the "Big Three" crisis over Poland, says, "There must be something radically wrong with the policy which after four years of constant effort produces the Polish deadlock, Austrian difficulty and the friction that has been general by the talk of Eastern and Western blocs".

The journal frankly recognizes that British policy "in the main has been one of concession and compromise" and gloomily remarks, "These sacrifices have been made in the hope of eliciting friendly co-operation from Russia, but if anything of the sort has been secured, it is not visible from a distance."

When the policy is faced with such a blank record as this, common prudence demands that it be re-viewed, the "Economist" says.

Nippon Prefers Death To Surrender Nakajima's Statement To Pressmen

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Greater East Asia our determination must be firm, and whatever the odds may be, even if we have the whole world against us, our determination remains immutable. I firmly believe that in order to bring about true peace and happiness on this earth there is no other way than to win the war of Greater East Asia. If the people of East Asia should have this spirit firmly in their minds and even if the war situation may turn unfavourably for us for the time being, you can be assured that victory can be attained and the Light of Asia will shine out in the end. We must have this firmly in our minds, we must be prepared for it. We are willing to give our lives to fight for posterity and for the people of East Asia. I firmly believe that if the one billion people of East Asia will give their full efforts in fighting this war, we will never lose but will be sure to win. Those who are the strongest are those who are

fighting with death-defying spirit—the spirit of sacrificing oneself. If you have this spirit it is a sure sign of victory.

Now that the European war is over the enemy is propagating that they will send their planes, materials and men over to the Pacific theatre, but they have to first consider the problems of transportation. Another fact is that their strength is already spent. Assuming they send part of their forces and other war equipment there is nothing to be afraid of because we have already anticipated this and our preparations are complete and we are prepared to meet them.

In conclusion, Lt.-Col. Nakajima warned that the war may reach Syonan's shores as it increases in intensity, but stressed that as long as the people have the spirit of fighting to the very last, the enemy's plans will be foiled and ultimate victory will be achieved by Asia's one billion peoples.

General Amnesty For Thai Political Offenders

Bangkok, May 11 (Domei)—The Government in an extraordinary Royal decree under date May 9 promulgated general amnesty for all political offenders, including those accused of high treason. Government decided on general amnesty with a view to promoting national unity. It is understood many leading figures of Thailand who are accused of political offences while under the former administration will be released under this general amnesty decree.

Included among them are Prince Bovondy who was accused of a political offensive by Field-Marshal Phibun Songkham's government and has since been in exile in Indo-China, also Lieut.-Colonel Luang Ronasidibhai, formerly Director of the Publicity Bureau, and Colonel Pridachi Akane, formerly Minister of Agriculture, who is now in exile in Djawa.

16,425 Foe Casualties On Okinawa Admitted

Lisbon, May 10 (Domei)—Two unidentified units of the British Pacific Fleet yesterday suffered what was claimed to be "minor damage" when Nipponese aircraft struck out in retaliation against the British task force which assaulted Miyakojima and Ishigakijima of the Sakishima Group, according to a dispatch from American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz' Headquarters in Guam today.

Nimitz' communique admitted that approximately 16,425 American soldiers and Marines have been killed, wounded or missing in the Okinawa campaign since the beginning of the invasion up through Monday. No gains were made by the American forces on Okinawa Main Island on Tuesday because of adverse weather, the communique said.

Okinawa Operations Now Definitely Going In Favour Of Nippon Forces

A Nippon Base at the Okinawa Front, May 11 (Domei)—The Okinawa operations at present are definitely in favour of Nippon forces, judging from the general war situation in this theatre, a certain Major who has been taking an active part as Staff Officer of a special attack corps, told the press here today. He declared now is the chance for our forces to cut the enemy's supply line and completely destroy his air strength.

Nippon special attack corps from various bases are continuing furious attacks against enemy war vessels around Main Okinawa Island, dealing severe blows to the enemy's task force, the Major said. He said that the enemy's naval strength in this area has already begun to show a marked decline.

Recent all-out assaults carried out by Nippon special attack corps since May 3 have caused the enemy to lose most of his fleet strength, especially aircraft-carriers, the Major asserted. Heavy losses in carriers have greatly reduced the effective mobility of the enemy's task force. This is the reason, the Major said, why Nippon forces have recently intensified their "special attack" operations from land, sea, and air.

There are unmistakable indications that the enemy's air strength is gradually being neutralized along with the successive destruction of enemy surface units. Thus, he stressed, now is the time to cut enemy's supply line and completely destroy his air strength by smashing his frantic efforts to replenish his air strength.

Adm. Nimitz's Belated Admission On Losses

Lisbon, May 11 (Domei)—Nippon aircraft on Wednesday evening several times attacked American warships and vessels off Okinawa, damaging two fleet auxiliaries, besides attempting raids on Mantan airfield, American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters reported in a message from Guam today.

Meantime, the American Navy Department announced yesterday in Washington that one landing craft and a minesweeper have been lost in Philippine waters.

Leon Blum Returns To France After Release

Lisbon, May 11 (Domei)—Leon Blum, former Front Populaire Premier of France and leader of the Socialist Party, arrived in Paris today after being freed by the advancing Soviet armies, according to a Paris dispatch.

The return of the 73-year-old brilliant Leftist leader is viewed with particular interest, as the Communists recently scored heavily in the French municipal elections and all indications point that France is swinging rapidly to the left.

"Big Three" Make No Progress On Polish Question

Lisbon, May 10 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill today strongly indicated in the House of Commons that the "Big Three" powers have failed to make any progress on the Polish issue and declined to say when he would make a statement on foreign affairs, according to a United Press dispatch from London.

It will be recalled that Churchill cancelled his scheduled speech on foreign affairs a few weeks ago when the Polish crisis came to a head.

He declined to make a review of foreign affairs on the grounds that difficulties about such a statement which were noticed before the end of the European war "are in no way relieved."

Indicating the delicacy of the Polish issue, Churchill said he would first have to discuss the matter with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is expected to return from San Francisco next week.

Meantime, the British Foreign Secretary, in a press statement in San Francisco, today was reported to have expressed dissatisfaction over the Soviet arrest of the Polish leaders affiliated with the London Polish Regime.

"The list of 15 Poles reported as having disappeared included nearly all of the leading figures of the Polish underground movement," Eden said.

Enemy B-24's Damaged Over Macassar District

Macassar, May 10 (Domei)—The local Army Headquarters announced at 1 p.m. this afternoon as follows:

"Twelve B-24's raided the Macassar district at 11.30 o'clock today. Our ground batteries however heavily damaged two of them, of which one was most probably brought down."

Enemy Super Forts Raid Shikoku & S. Kyushu

Tokyo, May 10 (Domei)—Approximately 300 B-29's this morning raided the Southern Kyushu, Chugoku, and Shikoku sectors. From 5 o'clock this morning approximately 80 "superforts" in three echelons appeared over the Shikoku sector, while 40 others hit the Southern Kyushu sector for about one hour from 6 a.m.

Shortly after 9 a.m. about 160 additional B-29's raided Yamaguchi and Hiroshima sectors.

Capital Fund Control Bank To Open In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 11 (Domei)—It is learned the newly established Shikintoko Ginko (Capital Fund Control Bank) for supplying funds to meet requirements of war production enterprises will open for business next Tuesday, May 15. The Bank is capitalized at Yen 50 million. Taneji Taniguchi, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Nippon, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new bank.

Another Enemy Carrier Damaged Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 11 (Domei)—Another enemy aircraft-carrier fell victim to sustained attacks being carried on by our special attack air corps in Okinawa waters. Aircraft of our special attack corps struck and heavily damaged one enemy auxiliary carrier of a larger size in waters near Kerama Islands of the Okinawa Group at dawn yesterday, Thursday. This enemy carrier was seen bursting into flames immediately after it was hit by our special attack corps aircraft.

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